Holoearth Days!A Tale Side:W
Vesta de Cooking
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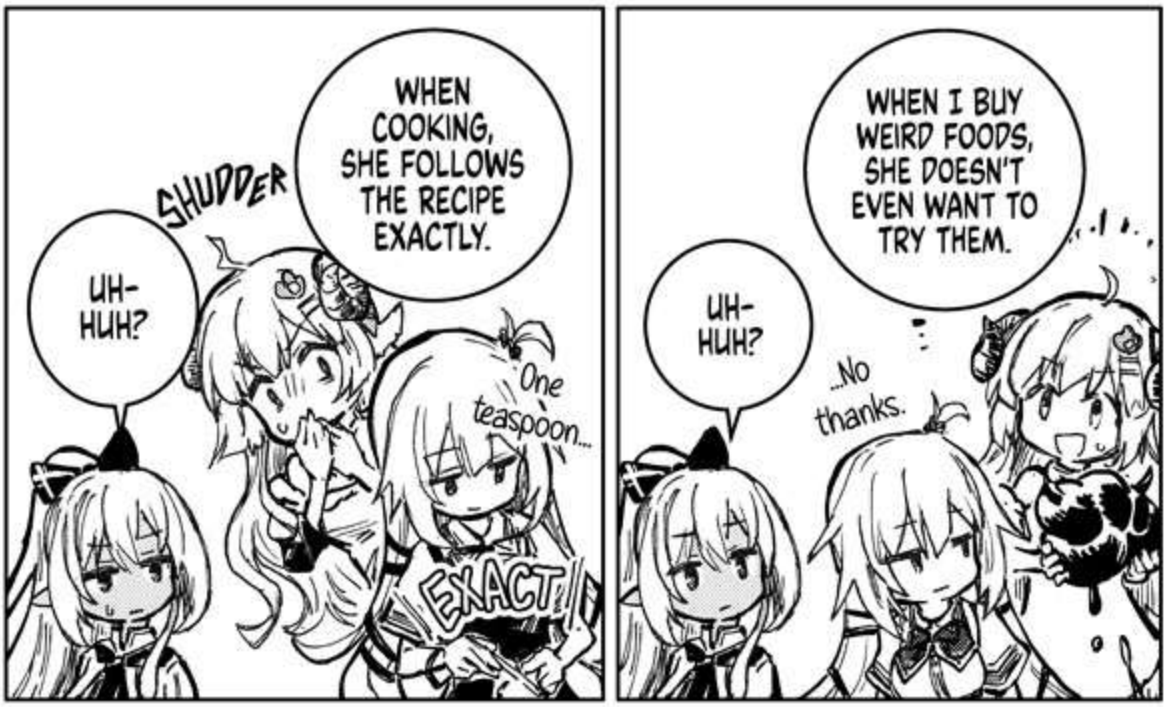
Chapter 13
WHAT TROUBLES HAACHAMA?!

HAACHAMA'S BEEN ACTING LISTLESS?
SHE HAS NO ENERGY
AND JUST ISN'T HER USUAL SELF.
THE SAME HAACHAMA YOU KNOW.
...THE SAME HAACHAMA I KNOW?


WHEN COOKING, SHE FOLLOWS THE RECIPE EXACTLY.
SHUDDER
UH-HUH?
One teaspoon...
EXACT
WHEN I BUY WEIRD FOODS, SHE DOESN'T EVEN WANT TO TRY THEM.
UH-HUH?
...No thanks.

YES! HAACHAMA'S ACTING NORMAL!
THAT'S WEIRD!
...ISN'T THAT NORMAL?

MAYBE HER TASTE FOR EXPERIMENTATION WAS SATISFIED?
WE HAVE TRIED LOTS OF DIFFERENT RECIPES LATELY.
...OH.

WELL...
HOME-SICK? YOU THINK THAT'S IT?

COULD IT BE
SHE'S HOMESICK?

WE DID MAKE A BUNCH OF DISHES FROM HER HOME WORLD RECENTLY.

HOW DO YOU CURE HOME-SICKNESS?
I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S SOMETHING YOU CAN CURE.

MAYBE THAT REMINDED HER OF HER HOME,
AND HOW FAR AWAY SHE IS RIGHT NOW.
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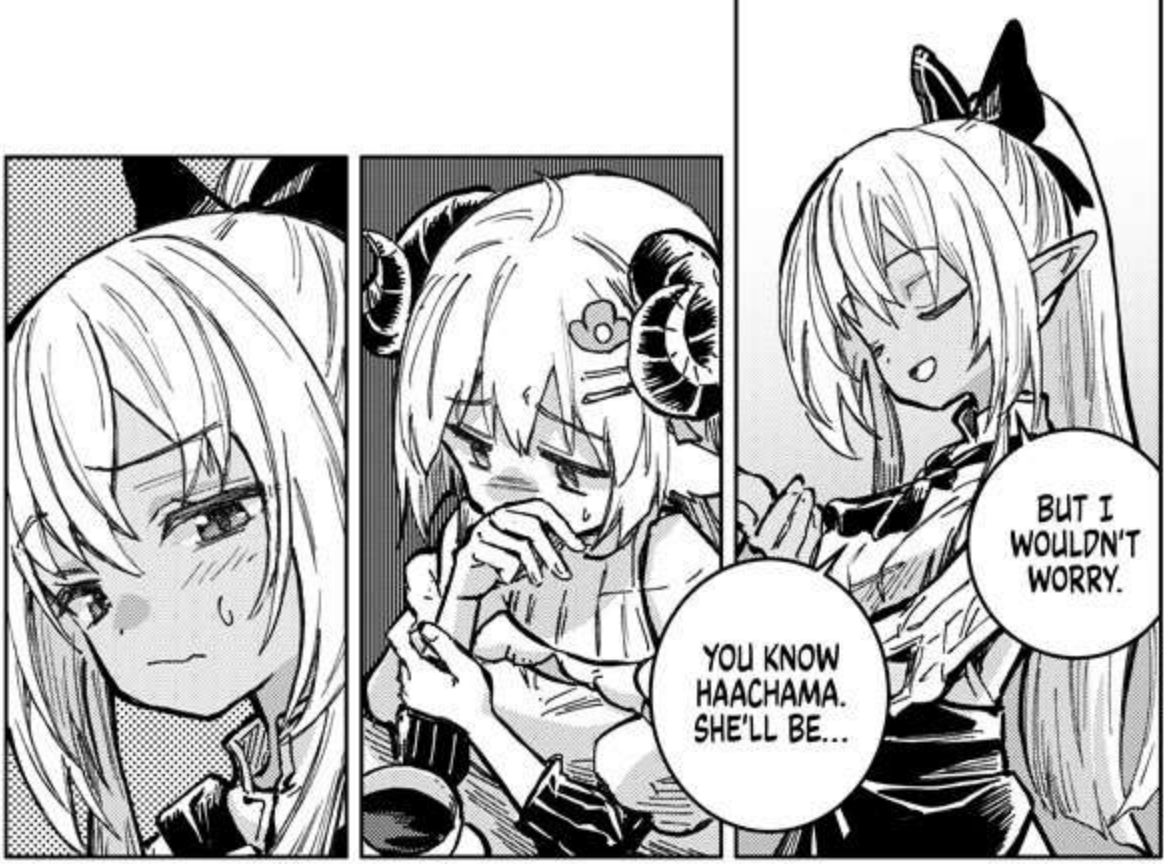
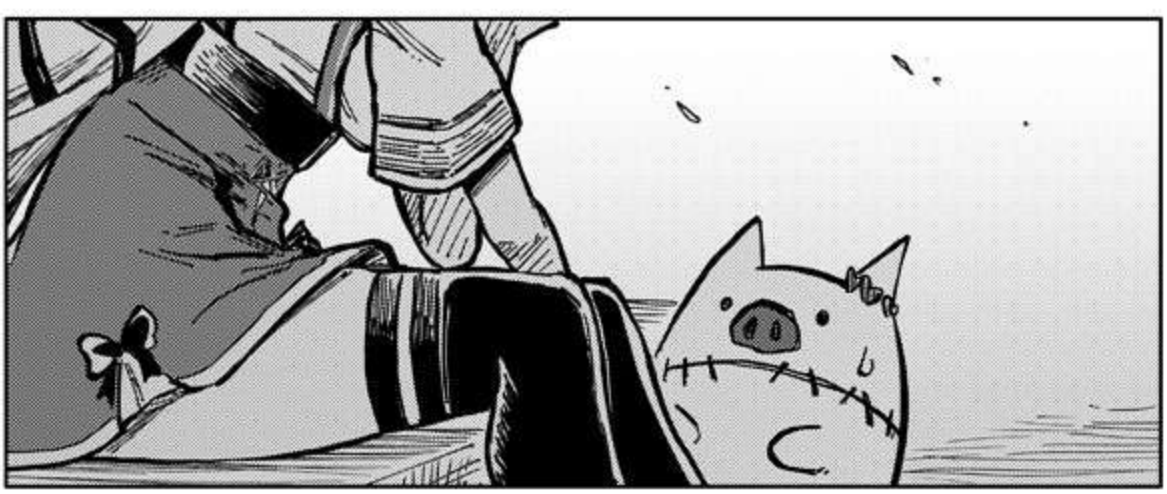

YOU KNOW HAACHAMA. SHE'LL BE...
BUT I WOULDN'T WORRY.

THANK YOU, FU-TAN!
I'LL THINK OF SOMETHING.
...ALL RIGHT.



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OINK!
...HMM?

NO...
IT'S NOTHING BIG.

I'M JUST
FEELING OUT OF IT.

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A MESSAGE?

DA-LING♪

...
WELL, I'M NOT BUSY, BUT...
...

Are you free tonight? If so, come to my place.
OH, IT'S WATAME.

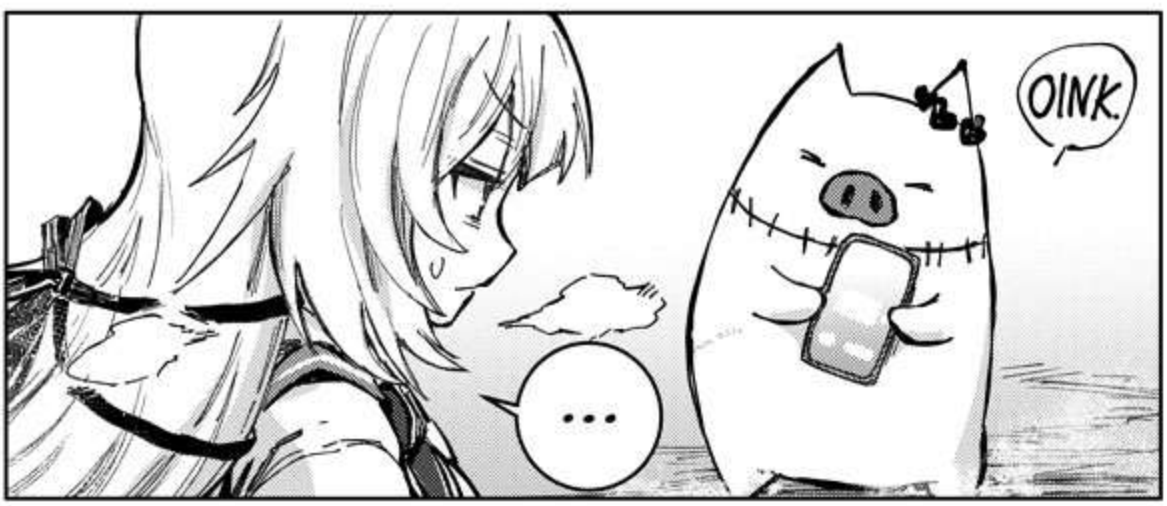
STOP IT, HAATON!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
TAP TAP TAP

HEY!
OINK!
GRAB

BING
Sure!

BING
See you then!
...OH.

DON'T REPLY FOR ME...
WAIT, YOU CAN TYPE?!


OINK.
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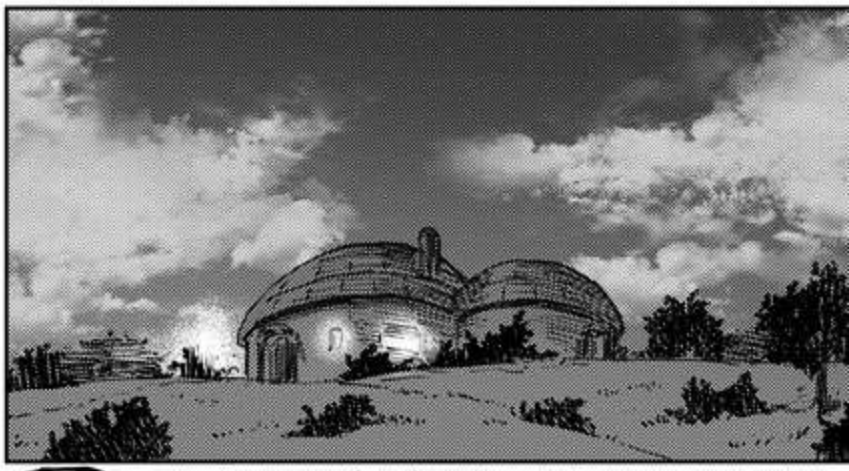
Sigh...
OINK
OH, FINE.
I'LL GO. HAPPY?



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SUR-PRISE!

WE KNOW!
BUT WE CAN STILL THROW A SURPRISE PARTY.

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UM, IT'S NOT MY BIRTHDAY.
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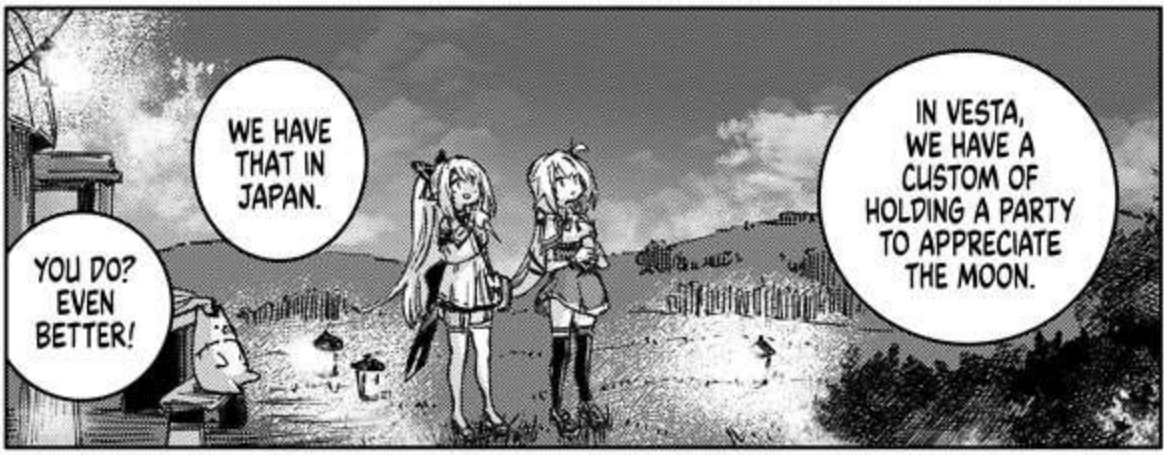
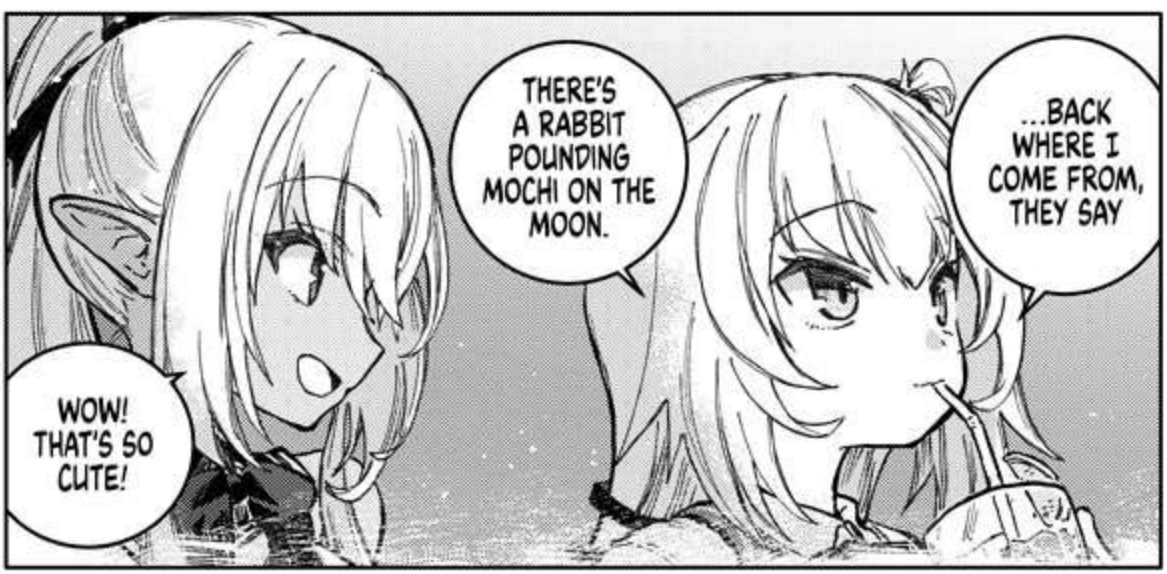
TONIGHT'S A FULL MOON.

LOOK.


IN VESTA, WE HAVE A CUSTOM OF HOLDING A PARTY TO APPRECIATE THE MOON.
WE HAVE THAT IN JAPAN.
YOU DO? EVEN BETTER!

ON NIGHTS WHEN THE MOON IS FULL, SHE'S ABLE TO HEAR US.
SO WE CELEBRATE TO LET HER HEAR OUR JOYFUL VOICES.
THAT'S THE CUSTOM.

ACCORDING TO LEGEND, THE MOON IS HOME
TO A WOMAN NAMED MITHRA.


...BACK WHERE I COME FROM, THEY SAY
THERE'S A RABBIT POUNDING MOCHI ON THE MOON.
WOW! THAT'S SO CUTE!

IT'S JUST ABOUT DONE.
DOESN'T IT?
SMELLS NICE.
SIZZLE

SIZZLE

CUT INTO SLICES WHEN IT'S FRESH OFF THE FLAME,

AND FINISH WITH SOME ROCK SALT!
GRIND
GRIND

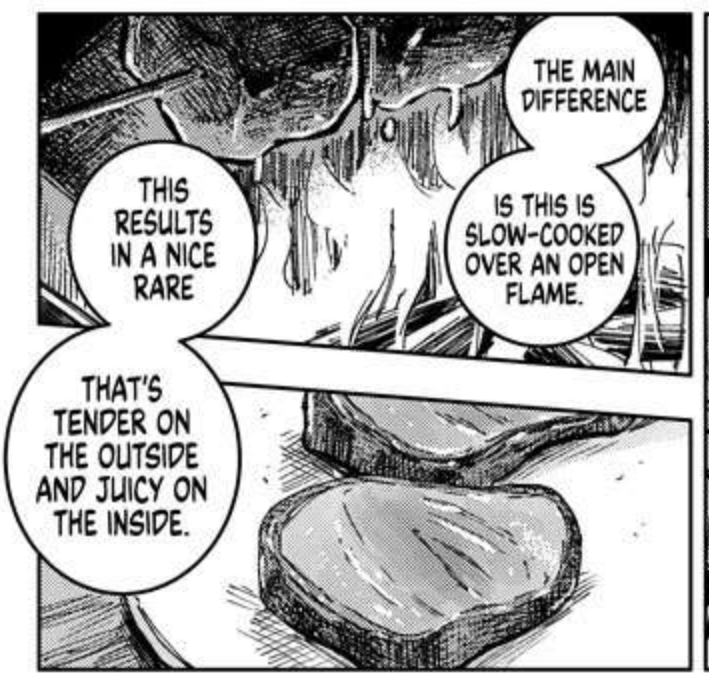
JUST GOOD MEAT, SEASONED WITH SALT,
AND GRILLED TO PERFECTION OVER CHARCOAL.

Charcoal-Grilled Meat

MEAT THIS GOOD SHOULD BE ENJOYED FOR ITS OWN TASTE!

SEE FOR YOURSELF!

AHM.
CHOMP
MMM!
Yum!


THE MAIN DIFFERENCE
IS THIS IS SLOW-COOKED OVER AN OPEN FLAME.
THIS RESULTS IN A NICE RARE
THAT'S TENDER ON THE OUTSIDE AND JUICY ON THE INSIDE.

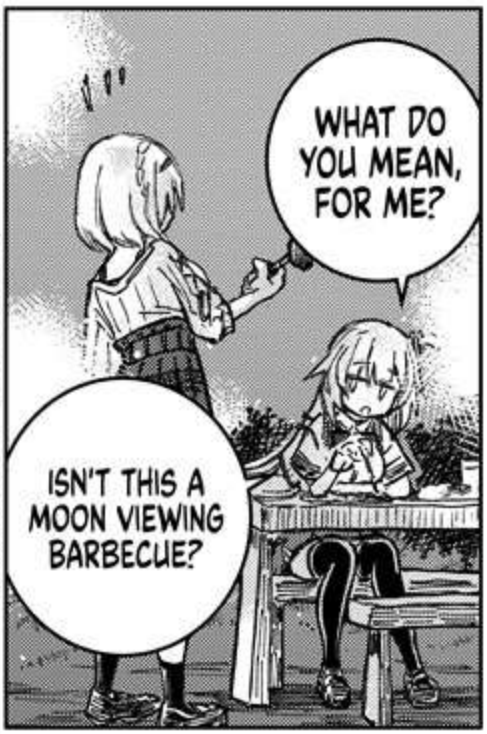
IT'S TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM STEAK.
IS IT THE TYPE OF MEAT?
THAT'S PART OF IT.

...?
MUNCH

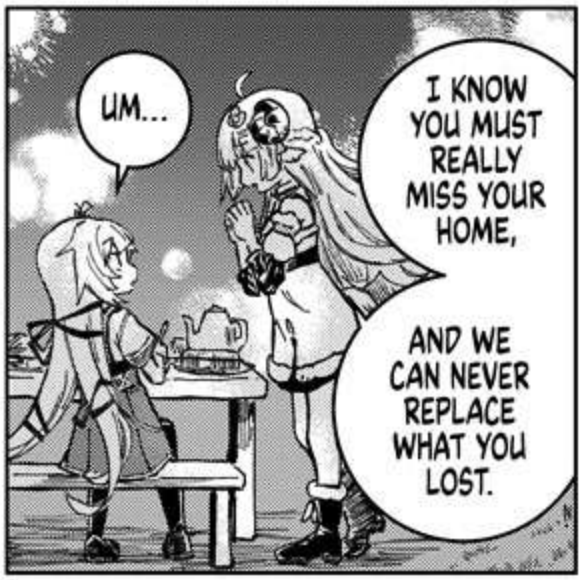
THIS IS REALLY FANCY MEAT, TOO!
WE SPLURGED ON IT, JUST FOR YOU!
Always a pleasure!
Louis d'Or Supply Co.

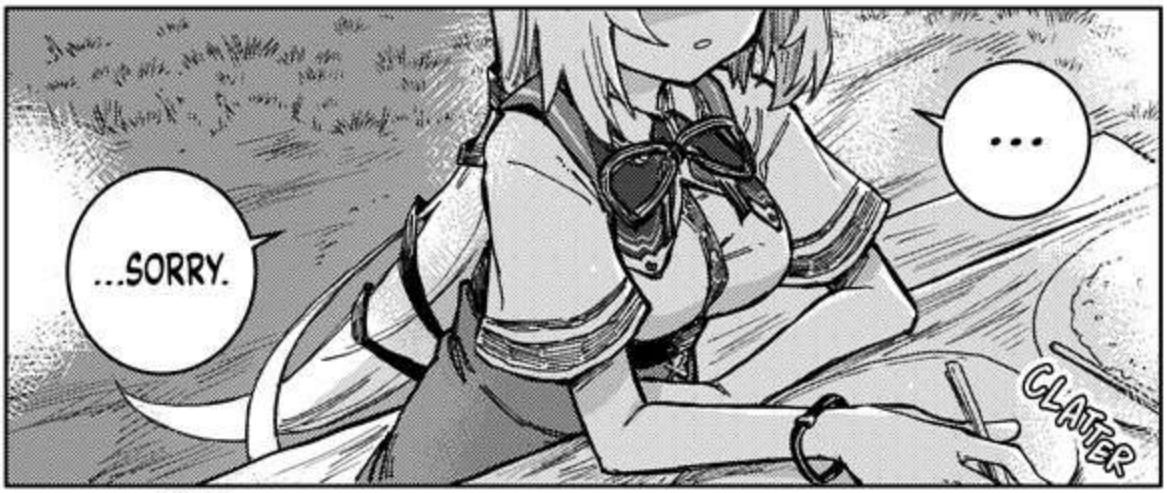
WE HEARD THAT YOU WERE HOMESICK.

SO WE WANTED TO CHEER YOU UP.
...HUH?

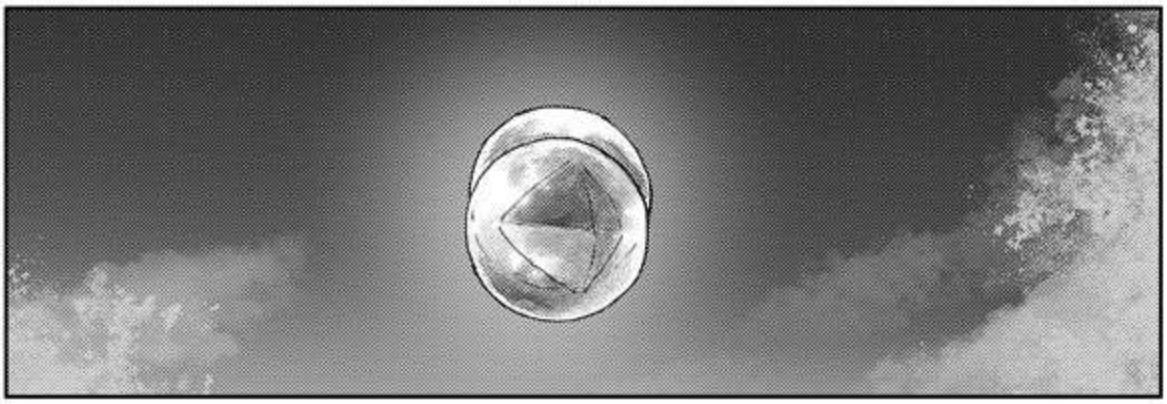

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, FOR ME?
ISN'T THIS A MOON VIEWING BARBECUE?

WE CAN SHOW YOU THAT YOUR NEW HOME HAS PLENTY OF THINGS TO OFFER.
WE CAN SHOW YOU EVERYTHING GREAT ABOUT VESTA.
BUT AT LEAST
Yep.
Yep.


UM...
I KNOW YOU MUST REALLY MISS YOUR HOME,
AND WE CAN NEVER REPLACE WHAT YOU LOST.


...
...SORRY.
CLATTER

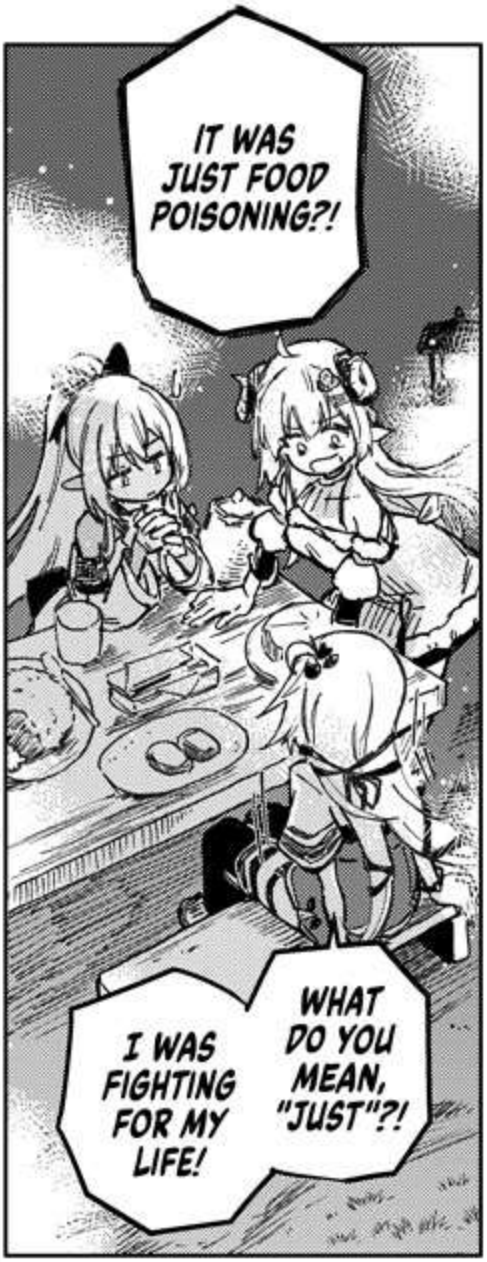
HUH?
?
WHAT MADE YOU THINK I WAS HOMESICK?



WATAME, YOU KNOW HOW YOU GIVE ME YOUR LEFTOVER MILK?
YEAH.

AND YOU KNOW HOW MILK IS FINE IF YOU LEAVE IT AT ROOM TEMPERATURE?
UM, NO, IT'S NOT.

WELL, THE MILK DID SMELL A BIT FUNNY,
BUT I DIDN'T WANNA WASTE IT, SO I DRANK IT.
Eww...
...I AM SO DONE.


IT WAS JUST FOOD POISONING?!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "JUST"?!
I WAS FIGHTING FOR MY LIFE!

AND I WAS TOLD THAT YOU WERE FEELING HOMESICK...
WELL, I WAS WORRIED BECAUSE YOU SEEMED DOWN LATELY...
...
I DON'T GET IT.
WHERE DID THIS "HOMESICK" TALK COME FROM, ANYWAY?
TURN
FU-TAN WAS THE ONE WHO SAID IT!
RIGHT, FLARE!
ERK...

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU CARE ABOUT ME SO MUCH, FU-TAN! ♡
OH, YOU'RE SO SWEET! ♡

WE CAN'T STOP HER MISSING HER OLD WORLD,
BUT WE CAN SHOW HER WHAT'S GREAT ABOUT THIS WORLD.

THE MOON'S GONNA BE FULL.
WE COULD HOLD A SURPRISE MOON VIEWING PARTY FOR HER.

I JUST...
ONLY HAD WHAT WATAME TOLD ME TO GO OFF,
SO I HAD TO MAKE SOME ASSUMPTIONS...
CLEARLY, MY CONCERN WAS WASTED.

THANK YOU, FU-TAN.

MISUNDER-STANDING OR NOT,
I'M GLAD YOU CARED SO MUCH FOR ME.
WITH FRIENDS AS NICE AS YOU IN THIS WORLD,
I DON'T THINK I'LL EVER FEEL HOMESICK!

...IS THAT SO?

NOM
NOM
NOM

SIZZLE
BEAM

NOEL!
WHY ARE YOU EATING ALL THE MEAT YOURSELF?!
W-WELL...
HAACHAMA NEVER NEEDED CHEERING UP IN THE FIRST PLACE!
NOM

I THINK IT'D DO YOU GOOD TO GET FOOD POISONING ONE OF THESE DAYS.
THAT'S SO MEAN!
SO IF SHE'S FINE, THEN I'D BE HAPPY TO EAT THE REST...
AND THIS MEAT WAS REALLY EXPENSIVE!